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REMARKS

Paragraph 2 through 5

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1. During the period from 7 to 11 April 1953, vehicular traffic in Schwerin was normal. About 20 officers with much baggage were daily seen boarding trains toward Neubrandenburg. Shelters were under construction south of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne. On 11 April, the Fritsch Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia, black-bordered crimson epaulets, blue-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia and black-bordered black epaulets. Troops fired with AA guns, apparently 37-mm guns, in the billeting area. Motor vehicles [redacted] and [redacted] were identified in vehicular traffic. 1

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2. Between 11 and 14 April, one of the buildings of the Taentzien Kaserne in Stendal was not lighted. No training activity was noticed. The engineer training site was vacant. The Hindenburg Kaserne and Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne were lighted 100 percent. After 13 April, the artillery firing range was turned over to the farmers for agricultural cultivation until 1 November 1953. Vehicular traffic at the post was below normal. [redacted]

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3. At about 5:30 p.m. on 15 April, billeting equipment was hauled to the Wildpark freight station for loading onto boxcars on 14 trucks [redacted]

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4. On 14 April, troops started departing from Bad Freienwalde.

5. After the beginning of April, truck traffic intensified in the Eberswalde and Bad Freienwalde area. The vehicles carried bedsteads and billeting equipment. The same observations were made prior to their departure to the summer camp of the troops during the last years. 4

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- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. Another source reported 16 medium AAA guns in the Fritsch Kaserne in mid-March. [].
The light AA guns observed according to the present report and which were previously seen in the barracks installation allow the conclusion that the unidentified AAA Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps is stationed in the installation. [] 25X1A
- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. It is possible that the 338th Engr Bn of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div carried in the Taunentzies Kaserne already left for the summer training, although another source reported the Bittkau engineer training site still vacant on 10 April. [] The units of the division from the Hindenburg Kaserne and Albrecht der Baer Kaserne were allegedly in their quarters prior to 14 April. 25X1A
- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. Probably, begin of the transfer to Altengrabow of units of the 34th Arty Div (US) which was previously announced by another source.
- 25X1A 4. [] Comment. Probably, preparations for the transfer to Templin of units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which, according to paragraph 4, began on 14 April.

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